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While his whereabouts remain unknown

Search for Pete Cash leads Elba Police to Mississippi

Local Elba businessman and entrepreneur Pete Cash who was reported missing on Monday, July 28, has been seen in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 5, that Elba police followed up on information that a man matching the description of Cash had purchased a used 1998 pick-up in Vicksburg on the Monday he was last seen in Elba.

Two law enforcement officers, Leslie Hussey, Elba police

officer assigned to the District Drug Task Force, and Patrick Norris of the District Attorney's

office drove to Vicksburg Monday evening of this week, and Tuesday morning confirmed it was indeed Mr. Cash who had made the truck purchase and paid for the vehicle in cash.

Cash's personal automobile, a silver 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe, was found abandoned in a Vicksburg parking lot. At press time Tuesday, the officers were making plans to drive the

vehicle back to Elba once the Mississippi paperwork had been completed.

The purchased truck is described as a 1998 Chevrolet S10, extended cab pick-up. It is dark copper metallic over light pewter metallic and had a dark copper camper shell on the back when sold.

Mr. Cash is described as 5 ft 10 inches tall, weighing 195 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is 47 years old.

Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey continues to urge the public to immediately provide the Elba Police Department (334-897-2555) any information on Mr. Cash's whereabouts.



Pete Cash

New Brockton Town Council members vote not to fill District Four vacancy at this time

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Two council members were certified Monday evening, Aug. 4, to serve another term on the New Brockton Town Council as they had no opposition in the upcoming municipal elections.

During the regular monthly town council meeting, Mayor Charles Cole presented a resolution certifying Billy Brantley (District 2) and Jeff White (District 5) to serve on the council for the next four years as they were elected without opposition. The resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the council.

Also during Monday's meeting, the mayor addressed the vacant District Four council seat. He said both candidates currently seeking election to the seat in the upcoming municipal elections have said they are willing to fill the current vacancy. However, Mayor Cole said with only two official meetings remaining during the current term, he did not find it appropriate to appoint one of the two candidates. Therefore, he said the council can operate with the seat vacant, and it will remain vacant until the election.

Council member Jeff White made a motion to not fill the vacancy for District Four at this time. He received a second from council member Cal Donnia Howard, and the motion passed

unanimously. Mayor Cole thanked both men for their willingness to serve.

Council members opened bids during Monday's meeting for two police cars advertised for sale. One person submitted a bid on each of the two vehicles. Bobby Eubanks offered \$175 for a brown police car and \$225 for a white police car.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Dale Grimes, council members voted to reject the bids.

During his monthly report, Chief Grimes told council members the department received a check from the District Attorney's office for the deferred prosecution account. He said the check was turned over to the town clerk, and it was deposited in to the police department account.

Mayor Cole told council members that the quarterly report for a grant from Auburn has been submitted. He said the \$65,000 grant will help pay for the town hall building, a parking lot for the town hall office and a ramp for the senior citizens center.

Cole said it looks as if the town will get the money at the end of August. He said the community's involvement is needed for this grant. In order to keep it, the town must submit a report

quarterly.

In other business, council members:

- Approved a motion to pay for Fire Chief Greg Lee's line service each month. Mayor Cole said the cost is between \$35-45 per month and it is an easy way to get in contact with the fire chief when he is needed.
- Approved a motion to accept the maintenance responsibility after one year of the opening of the Hwy. 84 entrance into Mayberry. Mayor Cole said Gilley Enterprises will be completing the entrance and will be responsible for the maintenance for the first year. At that point, the town will take over the maintenance responsibility.
- Approved a motion to purchase an ad in New Brockton's football program. The cost of the ad is \$125.
- Approved a motion to pay monthly bills totaling \$46,243.70.

While making general announcements, Mayor Cole said New Brockton's municipal elections will be held Tuesday, Aug. 26, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the police department building.

The mayor also noted the planning commission will meet Thursday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m., and the downtown revitalization committee will meet Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 6:30 p.m.

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Also during the meeting, commissioners voted to extend the county's poll barn to allow proper storage space for the mobile morgue. The estimated cost of extending the storage will be \$2,970.

Upon the recommendation of the county administrator, commissioners voted to approve some new senior center policies.

Policies added included: no personal use of the vehicles, no tobacco products in the vehicles or building, workers nor attendees should not bring children to the centers unless there is an approved event, and political candidates are not allowed to address the seniors (make speeches) between the hours of 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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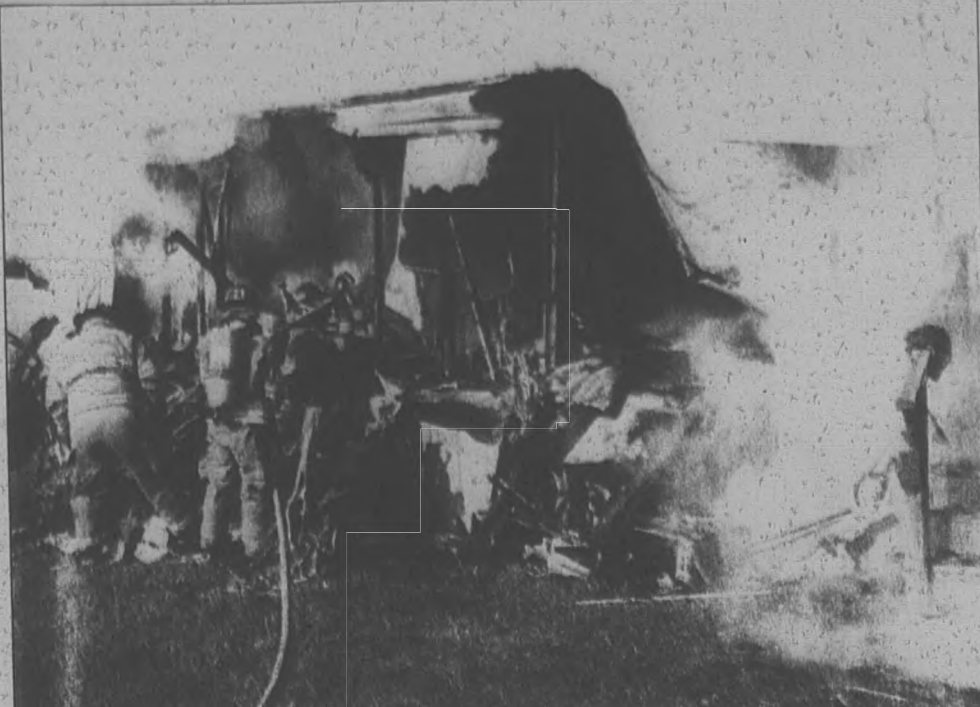
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LOCAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS will be held Tuesday, Aug. 26. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.



MOBILE HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Thursday afternoon, July 31, to a mobile home fire on County Road 408 near the Curtis community. Upon being dispatched to the scene shortly after 5 p.m., firefighters were informed the home of the Shane Hudson family was already fully engulfed in flames. Once they arrived on scene, they began working to extinguish the blaze. The home was completely destroyed by the fire. Fortunately, no injuries were reported. Two daughters were in the home watching TV when they heard popping noises in another part of the home. At about the same time their mother drove up and saw smoke coming from the back of the mobile home, sounded the alarm and made sure her children were safe.



Coffee County Commissioners approve bid to purchase mobile morgue for county

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During their meeting held Monday, July 28, Coffee County Commissioners voted to award a bid for a mobile morgue to EMS Innovations, Inc.

The bid amount was for \$35,000, and the mobile morgue will be paid for entirely by grant funds.

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Ralph Sharpless builds unique table for Covenant Community Church

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

When Mart Gray, pastor of Covenant Community Church, commissioned Ralph Sharpless to build a table for the church's



Mart Gray (left), pastor of Covenant Community Church, asked Ralph Sharpless (right) to build this table for the church's altar Bible (an almost 200-year-old edition). The table, made of pecan wood, has no nails or screws in it. Instead, it is put together mainly with pegs.

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According to Gray, Sharpless was commissioned to build the table in 2007 for the church's

altar Bible, no one could have imagined how intricate the design of the table would be.

Gray says that Sharpless is known for his pecan wood-work and builds candlesticks for the church's graduating seniors each year.

When the table was presented, an interesting discovery was made. The table itself was made just like it would have been during Bible times.

"It is made out of all pecan wood," said Sharpless. "It also has no nails or screws. It is put together mainly with pegs."

According to Sharpless, he found the wood at a flea market between Brantley and Luverne.

"When the people selling it found out it would be used in a church, they gave it to me for free," Sharpless said.

He also said the wood had been cut for several years which had given it time to naturally have a nice texture and color.

Another interesting feature of the table is the hinge that can elevate the top of the table itself. The hinge is also made

completely out of wood as well.

"The hinge took a little while to figure out," Sharpless added. "But, after sitting down with pencil and paper, I finally figured out a way to make it work."

The table was presented to the church on Monday, July 28, 2008.

Gray said even though Sharpless was commissioned to build the table, he simply donated it to the church upon completion.

"We are extremely grateful to Mr. Sharpless for his hard work," said Gray. "We would like to say that we are proud of his work and express our thanks for his generous donation."



This pecan wood table built by Ralph Sharpless was donated July 28th to Covenant Community Church.

Area Happenings

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for students at Elba City Schools is Thursday (TODAY), Aug. 7. This will be a full day of school.

ALABAMA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (ARPO) will hold a public meeting Monday, Aug. 11, at 5 p.m., at the Coffee County Building Complex in New Brockton. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the transportation needs within Coffee County.

THE COFFEE COUNTY FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE invites citizens to a lecture concerning the development of forestry biomass as alternative fuel. The lecture will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Enterprise Civic Center. Registration will begin at 5:30 followed by a meal. The program will begin at 6:30. Any person who would like to attend should call the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 334/894-5581 x3 and advise of the number planning to attend.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) led a group of Alabama lawmakers, which included senator Jeff Sessions, Representative Jo Bonner and Representative Arther Davis in contacting Defense Secretary Robert Gates, urging him not to restructure the U.S. Air Force's air refueling tanker contract competition beyond the Government Accountability Office's recommendations. This is the aircraft which was scheduled to be assembled in Mobile before the contract was cancelled and is being rebid. We agree with our political delegation that these delays are at the expense of America's military effectiveness and safety and should move forward. Actually we suspect that politics has gotten so deep into this deal that the end results could be like that horse designed by a committee . . . you know the one . . . it is commonly called a camel.

Two former employees of the City of Elba are listed in the obituary column this week. Sam Andrews, who lived in Cowarts when he died, was the animal control officer for several years. Sam had a smile on his face whatever the events of the day. Manual Jones retired from the utility department and for years was a familiar face at every house in Elba as he often read the meters and chatted with homeowners and business folks as he happily went about his daily business. We had not seen Sam in years and rarely saw Manual in the last year or so but suddenly we miss them both.

We read where some sore tail was upset because President Bush was in China for the opening of the Olympics. Their logic was that the leaders of some other countries are not going to the ceremonies in this communist country. It seems that just recently we were hearing complaints from sore tails who felt the President was doing something *because* other leaders were doing it. At that time they felt the good old U.S. should continue marching to our own drummer and ignore what others were doing. Friends, please don't confuse us loyal Americans who only want what is right and fair. If you detest George Bush (or anyone else), just say that, don't be critical of his or her every breath under the guise of . . . well whatever. Folks like us might confuse some of your smoke-screen grumbling and actually believe it is fact.

School is starting this week. It is hard to accept that while us ole mossheads didn't start school until September, children nowadays will have in a month of school by then. They do go to school a few more days during the year but also have lots more vacations, holidays, etc. throughout the school year. It is a trade off between long summer vacations and more liberal "day off" schedules.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 28, 2008, investigated the following incidents: two for harassment, three for assault, two for criminal mischief, two for receiving stolen property, two for burglary, one for livestock running at large, four for domestic disputes, one disturbance, one for arson, three for theft of property, one death investigation and one bicycle wreck.

The following arrests were made: one for burglary, one for arson and one for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eight for not wearing a seat belt, two for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, seven for speeding, one for a suspended driver's license, one for no insurance, two for an expired tag and one for an open container.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, JULY 28 - Fight in progress reported on the courthouse square (10:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to truck fire at Kelley Foods (12:47 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the scene of the fire at Kelley Foods (12:47 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3177 County Rd. 305 (10:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 518 (9:13 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 31 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to a trailer fire at 492 County Rd. 408 (5:06 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the scene of the fire on County Rd. 408 (5:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 745 Claxton Ave. (10:22 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 - Minor wreck reported at Hwy. 84 and Hwy. 166 (2:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1565 Highland Dr. (3:30 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 538 Smith Ave. (6:10 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of Jackson St. (9:32 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 - Domestic disturbance reported across from 816 Putnam St. (4:34 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson (7:42 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 - Possible fight in progress reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (4:04 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 617

Earlier this week, the White House projected that the federal budget deficit will grow to a record \$482 billion when the new fiscal year begins in October. This number should be shocking, not only to you at home, but to my fellow colleagues here in Congress who are challenged with determining how to spend your tax dollars. As our federal debt continues to spiral out of control, it is more important than ever for us to make the tough decisions to cut federal spending on politically advantageous programs.

Throughout my tenure in Congress I have continuously advocated for a constitutional amendment to ensure the federal government to balance the budget to break the cycle of deficit spending. In fact, last year, I once again introduced a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution to ensure that the government does not continue to saddle our children and grandchildren with the current generation's debts. Essentially, my amendment would require the United States not to spend more money than it receives in revenue, except in times of war or when suspended by a vote of three-fifths of both houses of Congress.

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Mullins (8:06 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1277 Highland Dr. (11:33 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1565 Highland Dr. (5:01 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 561 E. Davis St. (6:43 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Lee and Whittam (8:02 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 2363 Hickman Ave. (9:20 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 831 E. Davis St. (9:55 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

• ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - fghjkevb - 7 p.m. - 1st Baptist Church, Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.mokapet.com

• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Thursday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5057 for more info.

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Call FREE 1-800-772-1213 or visit the website at www.ssa.gov.

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 176 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-3838

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-3838

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 7 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po. Folks, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 3rd Thursday at 5 P.M., the FBO of the airport

• AAUW meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• ELBA KNIGHTS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

(Guest Editorial by Richard Shelby)

I firmly believe that until the federal government is required to spend only the amount of money that it takes in, we will continue to write checks that the Treasury cannot cash.

Over the years, Congress has grown accustomed to annual deficits and massive government debt. Unfortunately, the out-of-sight, out-of-mind attitude many of my colleagues hold towards our debt has resulted in wasting about 14 percent of our federal budget on interest payments. In fact, interest payments on our national debt will constitute approximately nine percent of the federal budget and represent the third largest item in the budget. In the President's fiscal year 2008 budget, the Office of Management and Budget projected net interest costs of \$261 billion. That is more than double the amount of money spent on education, training, crime prevention and transportation combined. Further, last year the total interest on Treasury debt securities was \$430 billion. This is money that could be better spent on improving education, developing new medical technologies or better yet, returning it to the people who earned it.

The federal government is depleting national wealth at a rate twice as fast as the private sector can create it. The U.S. economic machine, businesses and employees, cannot continue to pay more taxes for the growing interest payments on the debt while the federal government borrows money that would otherwise have been available for economic development. When the government borrows money, it borrows at a cost to every American's economic future.

The current economic times are difficult for many Americans and although Alabama is experiencing one of the best economies it has had in years, the realities of high fuel prices, increased food costs and an overall economic downturn is affecting everyone. Some of my colleagues in Congress believe that the best way to alleviate our nation's debt is to increase taxes; however I believe that this would just add to our current economic woes. Instead, I argue that we could ease our nation's debt while efficiently put more money into the hands of the American people by simply being responsible in our spending. A balanced budget would dramatically lower interest rates, resulting in savings for anyone with a home mortgage, a student loan, a car loan, credit card debt or any other interest rate-sensitive payment responsibility. Further, if the government's demand for capital is reduced, more money would be available for private sector use, which would generate substantial economic growth and create thousands of new jobs.

It is time to realize the true effects our current deficit will have on our children and grandchildren, and act quickly to prevent more debt. A balanced budget amendment is simply a



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Elba High's Class
of 1978 planning
30th year reunion

The Elba High School class of 1978 will celebrate their 30th class reunion during Homecoming festivities at Elba High School this fall.

Local classmates are busily planning the activities for the weekend celebration. Help is needed to find classmates and friends of the class of 1978.

Extra efforts are being made to include those who did not actually graduate with the class but attended Elba High School with them during this time. Anyone that might be able to help locate these classmates is asked to contact Gypsy Morrow Smith (days) at 897-2894, Phyllis Harrellson Sasser (nights) at 897-5826, or Lynn Hudson Baker (nights) at 897-3813.

The reunion will be held October 17 and 18, 2008 in Elba. A planning meeting will be held Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. at the office of Gypsy Morrow Smith at 105 S. Court Avenue in downtown Elba.

All local classmates are invited and encouraged to take part in the planning of the celebration.

Arbor Day Foundation
offers ten free trees

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation during August 2008 will receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

"The white flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to homes and neighborhoods," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage and red berries that attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 at the right time for planting. The 6-to-12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

Members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive *The Tree Book*, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Dogwoods, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2008 or join online at www.arborday.org.

**Attend
the
church
of your
choice
this
Sunday**

Notes of Thanks

May God's love bless each and everyone of you for your kind expressions of sympathy during the loss of our wife, mother and friend, **Susie Holderfield**.

A special blessing to Covenant Community Church for the lovely dinner provided before our mother's service.

Sincerely,
The Holderfield Family

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

WILLIAM S. ANDREWS
Mr. William S. Andrews, age 69, a resident of Cowarts, Ala., died Sunday, July 27, 2008, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center of Dothan, Ala.

Mr. Andrews was born August 17, 1938 in Dale County and lived the early years of his life in Enterprise, Ala. He was employed with Garwood in Enterprise and with the City of Elba Animal Control for 12 years.

Graveside memorial services were held Aug. 1, 2008 at Sunset Memorial Park with the Reverend Paul Andrews and Reverend Oscar Andrews officiating and Robert Byrd directing. Memorial donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 87, P.O. Box 6863, Dothan, Ala. 36302.

Survivors include his wife, Lavonia Mock Andrews, Cowarts; sons: Charles (wife Michelle) Andrews, Newton, Christopher (wife Teresa) Andrews, Cowarts; grandchildren: Reah Lynn Andrews, Barstow, Calif., Alexander Charles Andrews, Crestview, Fla., Paul Enfinger, Scotty Enfinger, Krystal Walker and Melanie Wykoop, all of Cowarts; great-grandchildren: Makaila Lynn Thompson, Barstow, Michael Enfinger, Hunter Railey, Peyton Millington Railey, Julia Enfinger, John Paul Enfinger, Kasey Enfinger, Tyler Enfinger, Jessica Tucker, Shana Tucker and Brandon Tucker, all of Cowarts; great-great-grandchildren: Ross Constantine, Cowarts; his mother: Lela Bell Andrews, Mansfield, Texas; brothers: William Paul Andrews, Tyler, Texas; William Oscar Andrews, Memphis, Tenn.; and William Joseph Andrews, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MARTHA LOUELLEN BEDSOLE
Ms. Martha Louellen Bedsole, age 67, of Kinston, Ala., died Thursday, July 31, 2008, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Aug. 2, 2008 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Brother Jerry Elmore officiating. Burial followed in the Rhoades Cemetery in the Perry Store community with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include four sons: William Earl Bedsole, Opp, Ala.; Kenneth Bedsole, Dothan; Larry Bedsole and Timothy Bedsole, both of Kinston; three daughters: Martha Burgess and Janie Cullifer, both of Opp; Teresa Kunkle, Elba; two brothers: Robert Hudson, Elba; Harold Hudson, Opp; four sisters: Jewell McKinney, Opp; Pastine Henderson, Enterprise, Ala.; Genie Crawley, Elba; Catherine Sharpe, Montgomery, Ala.; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

GLENDIA GAIL HENDERSON
Ms. Glenda Gail Henderson, age 48, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, July 27, 2008.

Funeral services were held Aug. 1, 2008 at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, with Pastor A.R. Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include one daughter: Tiffany K. Henderson; one granddaughter: Aaron A. Henderson; a special friend: Bobby Ray Knight; four sisters: Sharon (Steve) Williams, Helen (Frank) Phillips, Alene (Andrew) Robinson and Margaret (Carl) Oscar Andrews, all of Elba; two brothers: James (Barbara) Henderson and Mark (Jennifer) Henderson, all of Elba.

Elba, Ala.; uncles and aunts, R.C. (Annie Pearl) Carpenter, Lucinda Carpenter, both of Elba; Mary Carolyn (Clayton) Gandy, Gantt, Ala.; Robert Carpenter, Levittown, Pennsylvania; Adelaide Blakeley, Bensalem, Pennsylvania; John Carpenter, Oakland, California; Pearl (Daniel) Moore, Trenton, NJ and Dorothy (Embrina) Scooters, Malawan, NJ.

CECIL CALDWELL
Mr. Cecil Caldwell, age 75, died Saturday, July 26, 2008.

Funeral services were held Aug. 2, 2008 at the Nazareth Baptist Church, Opp, Ala., with Rev. Wayne Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Bethlehem Church Cemetery, Elba, Ala., with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Caldwell was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Emma Caldwell; five brothers, Henry, Masie, Lamar, J.D. and Gopher Caldwell; two sisters, Laura Bell Hobbs and Maggie Head; and one son, Willie L. Johnson.

Survivors include his wife: Dolores Caldwell; one daughter: Carolyn Melton, Pennsylvania; two sons: Cecil Caldwell Jr., Seattle, Wash.; and Fredrick Brooks, Opp, Alabama; three brothers: Frank (Alzie) Caldwell, California; Lorenza Caldwell, Florida; and Haywood Caldwell, Florida; six sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, and a special grandson, Rollier (Al).

MANUEL L. JONES
Mr. Manuel L. Jones, age 88, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday,

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/s/ James M. Counts
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Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St. at 5:30 p.m., to hear a request from the Elba County Club, The Elba County Club owns five lots along Taylor Mill Road. They want the five lots rear offset set changed from 40 feet to 30 feet. A complete description of the property is on file at City Hall. The property is zoned AG-1. 7-31, 8-7, chg

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20 Years Ago
• *Elba Courthouse returning to normal* - Finally, after nearly six months, Elba Courthouse offices are returning home while others are relocating into their original offices from temporary spaces in the facility. Someone has tied a large yellow ribbon around the large pecan tree on the courthouse square to signify their return home. Probate Judge Bill Gam-mill announced Monday that his office staff is now back in the Elba office. The only service still remaining in the temporary office in New Brockton is deed/title/mortgage recording and the records.

• *Sheriff's department investigating New Brockton man's disappearance* - The Coffee County Sheriff's Department is looking into the disappearance of a New Brockton man.

• *Terri D Allums, age 36, was last seen on Saturday afternoon, July 25, when he told his wife, Glenda, he was going to walk to a nearby fish pond. Authorities from several local law enforcement agencies assisted by rescue personnel did a ground search and aerial search of the area located along AL Hwy. 51 North. They also dug the pond but did not find anything to indicate that Allums was in the water.*

20 Years Ago
• *Circuit Judge denies motion to dismiss murder charge against Tucker* - Coffee County Circuit Judge Gary MacAlley last week denied a motion filed by attorneys of LaDonna Tucker to dismiss the murder charge against the former Coffee County resident. The attorneys contended that since the actual shooting of Mrs. Tucker's husband took place in Dale County, Coffee County had no jurisdiction in the seven-year-old crime. In a hearing held on Thursday, July 28, in Troy, Judge MacAlley heard testimony by Douglas Ard, who pleaded guilty to the murder of St. Jimmy Tucker in 1982 and from Bruce DeVane, the chief investigator for the Coffee County District Attorney's Office.

• *New SouthTrust CD For Grid Fans* - SouthTrust Bank has announced a new certificate of deposit fashioned especially for Alabama and Auburn football fans. Called the "Extra-Point CD," the instrument is

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30 Years Ago
• *Mayor Folsom again suspends Elba Police Chief Johnston* - Mayor Robert Folsom has again suspended Elba Police Chief M.W. Johnston Tuesday night just prior to the regular meeting of the City Council. Folsom said Johnston was suspended for insubordination. According to Folsom, Johnston and City Councilman John W. Sharpless, the incident was part of an exchange in front of the police station. Folsom walked up to where Johnston and Sharpless were talking prior to the council meeting. He asked Johnston for a report on police department fines taken in during the current year. When Johnston responded he had not asked him for the report, but had asked radio operator Joyce Skinner, for the report. Folsom told Johnston that he could find himself another job. Later Skinner was called to the City Hall, and she acknowledged that she had been asked for the report by the mayor and had it ready.

• *Clark Twin Cinema 1 & 2* Open August 4 - The Clark Cinema of Enterprise, located in the Westgate Shopping Center, has expanded by constructing The Clark Twin Cinema and 2. The Twin Cinema is located in the Enterprise Shopping Center which is adjacent to the Westgate Shopping Center. Each theater of the Twin Cinema seats 300 people. It features the latest in projection equipment and is the first in its style for Enterprise. The Twin Cinemas will open August 4. The Clark Cinema in the Westgate Shopping Center will remain open.

40 Years Ago
• *Joseph Johnson Awarded Medals For Heroism* - Joseph H. Johnson, Specialist Five, United States Army was awarded the Silver Star, March 20, for action January 8 and the Distinguished Flying Cross May 11 for Action March 4. Both awards were for action in Vietnam. Specialist Johnson is the son of Mrs. Comer Johnson of Elba.

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THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARE, SPORTS EDITOR

Another school year is just around the corner and that means all the hustle and bustle at the Mulare house will soon come to an end as the girls head back to college for the fall semester. I have always been a Dad that wants my girls at home when I lay down my head at night and enjoyed that feeling the past couple of months. However, Melissa is just a few hours from graduating and Melanie is now a sophomore, and I'm afraid that is a feeling I won't get to enjoy much in the weeks and months ahead. Oh well, it was fun while it lasted.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The high school football season will kick off in just two weeks with preseason games and while that means lots of hard work for the players and coaches, it also means it is time for the fans to start bragging or poor mouthing about the upcoming season and their favorite teams. I love to just sit back and listen when the fans start talking, and so far the things I've heard is how the Elba Tigers should grab the #2 or #3 seed in their region, the Brantley Bulldogs will keep their region winning streak alive and well, the Zion Chapel Rebels and their fans will need a map to find their way around West Alabama, the New Brockton Gamecocks will make lots of noise with their new head coach, and the Kinston Bulldogs will put an end to their losing streak. That all sounds pretty accurate to me, and I will share more as I get the chance to listen.

*** The sudden death of Dale County head football coach Todd Horne in a traffic accident last week stunned all those in the coaching profession and once again made it clear just how precious life really is. Coach Horne returned to his alma mater a few years back determined to return the football program to its dominance of the past, and while his first years didn't result in banner records, he did put pride and hard work back into the program and was convinced this season would be the one in which the fruits of the labor would be seen. I knew Coach Horne from his days as a basketball coach at G.W. Long, and join in with all the others that remember him as being polite, professional and a true gentleman on and off the court. His life was short and his coaching career even shorter, but Coach Horne touched many and will never be forgotten.

*** The college football season is also closing in and while the teams have reported and are already at work, it seems there is almost as much news about the arrests of players as there is about how the teams are doing. Last week there was big news about Penn State getting rid of two players, while Georgia also gave two players the boot and a couple of others may not be far behind if the news on the internet is right. I've heard all the jokes about Alabama's new cheer being "Parole Tide" and how much many Auburn fans have enjoyed the Tide's legal problems. Hey, all the college fans need to remember what goes around comes around, and need to also remember that even college football players are human and make mistakes.

*** The Atlanta Braves pretty much threw in the towel last week after trading their best hitter and having their best pitcher go down for the season with a torn ligament. I went with the family to watch the Braves last Friday night and saw a 9-0 loss to the Brewers, and to put it mildly the Braves looked like a team that had given up. They didn't get to ground balls, had fly balls sail over their heads and just seemed very unenthused. I know all the injuries have taken their toll, but these guys are professionals and should play that way every time they take the field.

*** In closing... My 'ole Auburn buddy underwent knee replacement surgery last week on his good knee and minor surgery on his bad knee, and won't be kicking too high for the next couple of weeks as he rehabs the knees and keeps his wife busy running errands. I can only imagine the pain of having both knees operated on at the same time, but even worse is not having even one good leg to stand on. He may be slow walking. However, I am sure his wit is just as quick and he will be calling real soon to keep me informed about the upcoming college season and his boy "Tubs" and how the Tide will turn.

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The Patriots Blue, a girl's 14 and under fastpitch softball team based out of Dothan, Alabama, recently competed in the United States Fastpitch Association's "World Series" at Panama City, Florida, and posted nine wins in eleven games over a six-day span to bring home the championship of the prestigious event and end the summer season with an outstanding record of 31 wins, 3 losses and 2 ties.

Girls from Dothan, Troy, Tuscaloosa and Prattville were included on the team, along with Elba's Lindsey Camley and Bethany Wilson, and New Brockton's Kayla Purvis. Elba's Mike Camley was an assistant coach on the team.

A total of 99 teams from across the nation participated in the annual tournament, which included pool play and elimination competition. In pool play, the Patriots posted a win over the Mississippi Mystics (Meridian, MS) 6-1 and tied the East Texas Force 2-2. In elimination play, the Patriots posted wins over the Georgia Comets (Snellville, GA) 4-1, Storm (Douglasville, GA) 3-1, Team Jax (Jacksonville, FL) 4-1, High Voltage (Covington, LA) 3-2, Stunners (Louisville, KY) 6-0, and Arkansas Blaze (Jacksonville, AK) 3-0. A win over the Georgia Sting (Dalton, GA) 5-0 left the Patriots only win away from the title. However, a 3-2 loss to the Georgia Sting set the stage for a winner take all final, and in the series' final the Patriots emerged with the title as it posted a solid 6-0 win.

"All the girls played great all week," said Coach Camley. "The defense was super and we knew if we could get a couple of runs we would be in good shape with our defense and our outstanding pitching. Back when head coach Jeff Cooper, Greg Benton and myself put this team together we knew we had made a real shot at winning the series since a number of players had played on the team."

Lindsey Camley collected 11 hits in 30 at bats at the series for a .423 average, with one double, one triple and eight runs scored. Bethany Wilson batted .333 and Kayla Purvis saw action, but failed to record an official at bat.

During the long summer season Camley batted .381 (24-73) with two doubles, three triples and one home run, and scored 27 runs. Wilson batted .211 (4-22) with one double and three runs scored and Purvis batted .394 (13-41) with two doubles, one triple and 13 runs scored.

Fertilizer is important for hunters planting food plots before season

By Richard Tharp, Wildlife Biologist

Wildlife food plots, also known as "green fields," are highly popular among white-tailed deer hunters and enthusiasts. Planting some type of food source for wildlife has increasingly become big business since the 1970s. Establishing and maintaining wildlife food plots is one management strategy used by landowners and sportsmen to provide wildlife with one component of their needs. Annually in Alabama, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars are spent on seed and fertilizer to produce these wildlife food plots.

For landowners and managers who desire to maximize the productivity of their green fields, soil testing and addressing pH should be an integral part of their food plot program. Soil testing is simply gathering samples of soil from the openings and having it analyzed. The results from soil testing are a recommendation for amounts of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K) needed per acre. Also included will be how much lime is needed to raise the pH level of the soil. The pH value is a numerical figure indicating the soil acidity or alkalinity (base). Soil pH is measured on a scale ranging from zero to 14, with seven being neutral. These figures are a representation of the number of hydrogen ions in the soil. Levels below seven indicate acidic soils and those above seven are basic soils. The pH scale is logarithmic, changing tenfold for each number change. For example, a soil with a pH of 4.5 is 10 more times acidic than a soil with a pH of 5.5.

Maintaining soil pH at the



WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS... Patriot Blue, of Dothan, claimed the 14 and Under World Series championship last week at the United States Fastpitch Association event, at Panama City. Pictured above are (front) Head Coach Jeff Cooper, (kneeling, l-r) Kasey Cooper, Kayla Purvis, Kate Benton, Mollie Kelley, Lindsey Camley, Chandler Darr, (standing, l-r) Asst. Coach Mike Camley, Toni Anderson, Bethany Wilson, Denise Anderson, Jordan Whiddon, Kendall Cox, Becca Hartley, Suzie McDonald and Asst. Coach Greg Benton.

Dixie World Series' championship team last season and many of the others had placed high at the USFA series each of the past two years. These girls knew how to win and knew what it took to win and had a fantastic summer."

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Alabama Conservation Dept. has new records and recognition program

The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has developed a new records and recognition program for white-tailed deer taken in Alabama - the Records of Alabama's White-tailed Deer (RAWD).

The demand for information on the largest bucks harvested in Alabama led to the development of the new program. The program will allow Alabama's deer hunters to have their deer scored by trained wildlife personnel.

The first scoring sessions for the RAWD program will be held this summer. If a deer has been officially scored for Boone & Crockett, Pope & Young, or Longhunter's purposes, sportsmen can bring the official score sheet with their mount to a RAWD scoring session. Scoring sessions are scheduled for August 9th at 8:00 am until 12:00 pm at the District IV ADWFF Office, 1820 Glynnwood Drive, Suite C, Prattville, Alabama and on August 23rd from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm at Southern Deer & Turkey Expo on the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds, US Highway 231 South, Dothan, Alabama. For more information call (334) 347-1298. Visit <http://www.outdoorsalabama.com/hunting/harvest/rawd/> to learn more about the Records of Alabama's White-tailed Deer program, obtain score sheets, or locate the next available scoring session.

The RAWD program is open to antlers from all free-ranging bucks legally taken or found dead in Alabama, regardless of the year the deer was taken or found. The antler scoring system used for the RAWD program is identical to that used by the Boone & Crockett Club. The minimum scores for the program are 140 Typical (net) and 165 Non-Typical (net).

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Sept. 12	Barbour County ®	Home
Sept. 19	G.W. Long ®	Home
Sept. 26	Geneva (3A)	Away
Oct. 3	New Brockton ®	Away
Oct. 10	Houston Academy ®	Home
Oct. 17	Samson ®	Home
Oct. 24	Houston County ®	Away
Oct. 31	Zion Chapel (2A)	Home

(R) Denotes region games

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

Aug. 29	Zion Chapel (2A)	Away
Sept. 5	G.W. Long ®	Away
Sept. 12	Houston Academy ®	Away
Sept. 19	Cottonwood ®	Home
Sept. 26	Ariton (1A)	Home
Oct. 3	Elba ®	Home
Oct. 10	Barbour County ®	Away
Oct. 17	Houston County ®	Away
Oct. 24	Samson ®	Home
Oct. 31	Kinston (1A)	Home

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ZION CHAPEL REBELS

Aug. 29	New Brockton (2A)	Home
Sept. 5	Goshen ®	Away
Sept. 12	St. Jude ®	Home
Sept. 19	Keith ®	Away
Sept. 26	Kinston (1A)	Home
Oct. 3	Reeltown ®	Home
Oct. 10	R.C. Hatch ®	Away
Oct. 17	Francis Marion ®	Home
Oct. 24	Highland Home ®	Away
Oct. 31	Elba (2A)	Away

(R) Denotes region game

KINSTON BULLDOGS

Aug. 28	Red Level (2A)	Home
Sept. 5	Geneva County ®	Away
Sept. 12	Providence Ch. ®	Home
Sept. 19	Floral ®	Away
Sept. 26	Zion Chapel (2A)	Away
Oct. 3	Ariton ®	Home
Oct. 10	Pleasant Home ®	Away
Oct. 17	McKenzie ®	Home
Oct. 24	Brantley ®	Away
Oct. 31	New Brockton (2A)	Away

(R) Denotes region game

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

Aug. 29	Luverne (3A)	Home
Sept. 5	Providence Ch. ®	Away
Sept. 12	Floral ®	Home
Sept. 19	Ariton ®	Away
Sept. 26	Highland Home (2A)	Away
Oct. 3	Pleasant Home ®	Home
Oct. 10	McKenzie ®	Away
Oct. 17	Geneva County ®	Home
Oct. 24	Kinston ®	Home
Oct. 31	Daleville (3A)	Home

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AHSAA REGION ALIGNMENT 2008-2009 FOOTBALL SEASON

Class 1A, Region 2

Ariton, Brantley, Floral, Geneva County, Kinston, McKenzie, Pleasant Home, Providence Christian

Class 2A, Region 2

Barbour County, Cottonwood, Elba, G.W. Long, Houston Academy, Houston County, New Brockton, Samson

Class 2A, Region 3

Francis Marion, Goshen, Highland Home, Keith, R.C. Hatch, Reeltown, Saint Jude, Zion Chapel

Class 3A, Region 1

Bayside Academy, Calhoun, Central Hayneville, Choctaw County, Cottage Hill, Luverne, Straughn, T.R. Miller

Class 3A, Region 2

Abbeville, Dale County, Daleville, Geneva, Headland, Pike County, Slocomb, Wicksburg

Class 4A, Region 1

Andalusia, B.C. Rain, Clarke County, Hillcrest Evergreen, Jackson, Thomasville, UMS-Wright, W.S. Neal

Class 4A, Region 2

Alabama Christian, Ashford, Bullock County, Elmore County, Holtville, Montgomery Catholic, Opp, Saint James

Class 5A, Region 2

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Realignment brings with it changes in grid schedules and new rivalries

The high school football season kicks off in only two weeks and with the changes in classification and region alignment there will be new faces dotting the schedules of teams all across the area and the state.

Here is a preview of area schedules:

ELBA TIGERS

The Elba Tigers made the move down to the 2A ranks this season, but with three tough non-region foes and a schedule filled with new 2A opponents on their schedule the Tigers could face one of their toughest schedules in years. The Tigers will kick off the season on Aug. 29 on the road against the 4A Opp Bobcats, while on Sept. 5 they will remain on the road when they head over to the Wiregrass to meet the Cottonwood Bears, the defending region champs. Back-to-back region home games will follow on Sept. 12 against the Barbour County Jaguars and on Sept. 19 against the G.W. Long Rebels, while on Sept. 26 Elba will head down the river for a battle against the 3A Geneva Panthers. The Tigers will return to region action in weeks six through nine as the road to the playoffs will become more defined. Elba will travel across the county on Oct. 3 for a clash against the New Brockton Gamecocks, followed by home games on Oct. 10 against the Houston Academy Raiders and on Oct. 17 against the Samson Tigers. The Tigers will close out region play on Oct. 24 on the road against the Samson Tigers, and the will put the wraps on the regular season with an Oct. 31 clash against the Zion Chapel Rebels.

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to remain the team to beat in South Alabama and continue its dominance in region play this season with a schedule that includes one new region foe and one new non-region opponent. The Bulldogs will kick off the season at home on Aug. 29 with a cross-county grudge match against the Luverne Tigers, then will swing into region action as they travel to Dothan to meet the Providence Christian Eagles on Sept. 5, host the Floral Wildcats on Sept. 12 and hit the road on Sept. 19 to meet the Arton Purple Cats. A trip up the road to tangle with the Highland Home Flying Squadron will come on Sept. 26 as the season reaches its midway point, while the following four weeks will mark a return to the regions wars. Brantley will host the Pleasant Home Eagles on Oct. 3, while on Oct. 10 the Bulldogs will hit the road to battle the McKenzie Tigers. The Bulldogs will be back at home the final three weeks of the season as they host the Geneva County Bulldogs on Oct. 17, the Kinston Bulldogs on Oct. 24 and the 4A Daleville Warhawks on Oct. 31.

KINSTON BULLDOGS

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking for a return to the winners circle this season as they return to do battle in Class 1A, Region

Many area coaches and fans will need a map to find their way to teams included in new regions

The Alabama High School Athletic Association reclassifies its member schools every two years based on student enrollment, and with the 2008-2009 school year being the year in which the changes are announced, it means many schools across the area and the state will find new opponents on their schedule as new rivalries are formed both on and off the field.

Following is a look at the region alignment for area teams heading into the 2008 high school football season:

CLASS 2A, REGION 2

The Elba Tigers made the move back down to the 2A ranks this season and will find themselves right back in the region in which they competed during the 2004-2005 seasons. Perennial 2A powers Cottonwood and Houston Academy will join the Tigers in the eight-team region, as will Barbour County, G.W. Long, Houston County, New Brockton and Samson.

CLASS 2A, REGION 3

The Zion Chapel Rebels will make the move up to the 2A ranks this season after a long stay in Class 1A and will find a schedule that includes four teams that will appear on the schedule for the first time ever. The newcomers in the eight-team region include Francis Marion, Keith, R.C. Hatch and Reeltown, while filling out the region slate will be Goshen, Saint Jude and Highland Home.

CLASS 1A, REGION 2

The Brantley Bulldogs and Kinston Bulldogs will remain in familiar territory both in class and region alignment, but will have one new team in their eight-team region in their fight for a berth in the playoffs. Geneva County slid into the region in a move down from 2A circles, and will join Brantley and Kinston along with Ariton, Floral, McKenzie, Pleasant Home and Providence Christian to round out the region.

CLASS 3A, REGION 1

T.R. Miller will make the move back down into the 3A ranks and will find itself in an eight-team region along with Straughn, Luverne, Cottage Hill, Choctaw County, Central of Hayneville, Calhoun and Bayside Academy.

CLASS 3A, REGION 2

Pike County will remain the team to beat in region two, but the Bulldogs could have their work cut out for them as Daleville and Wicksburg join the region and will combine with Abbeville, Dale County, Geneva, Headland and Slocomb to make for a very rugged region alignment.

CLASS 4A, REGION 1

The Andalusia Bulldogs will be hoping to make another run deep into the state playoffs, but to do so the Bulldogs must compete in a highly competitive region and must face the task of a number of long road trips. Joining Andalusia in the region will be B.C. Rain, Clarke County, Hillcrest of Evergreen, Jackson, Thomasville, UMS-Wright and W.S. Neal.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Coffee County Arts Alliance 2008-2009 season will begin October 9 with the SEASON Corporate Sponsor: Martin-Colley Drug Company

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Oct 9, Elba - 7:00 p.m.
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American Spiritual Ensemble
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Admission charged. Hillcrest Baptist Church. The Ensemble repertoire ranges from opera to spiritual to Broadway. Typical selections include "Amen," "Old Time Religion/When the Saints," "Rock a My Soul," "Follow the Drinking Gourd," "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand," "I Seal Away," and "There is a Balm in Gilead."

Gold Corporate Sponsor: City of Enterprise

Feb 24, Elba - 7:00 p.m.
Larry Gatlin and The Gatlin Brothers

2009 Coffee County Junior Miss scholarship program set for Saturday night at Elba High School auditorium

The 2009 Coffee County Jr. Miss scholarship program will be held Saturday, Aug. 9, in the Elba High School auditorium beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a small admission charge at the door. Participants in this year's program will include:



Christina Paige Brunson
Enterprise High School

Career Goals: Nursing or Physical Therapy
College Choices: University of Alabama
Activities/Honors: Enterprise High School Cheerleader • Enterprise High School Encores • Junior Pie Girls Club President • National Honor Society • National Junior Honor Society • National Bible Study • Enterprise Junior High School Dance Team Captain • Enterprise Aerials All-Star Cheerleader • Enterprise High School Anchor Club



Malysa Kathleen Markel
Enterprise High School

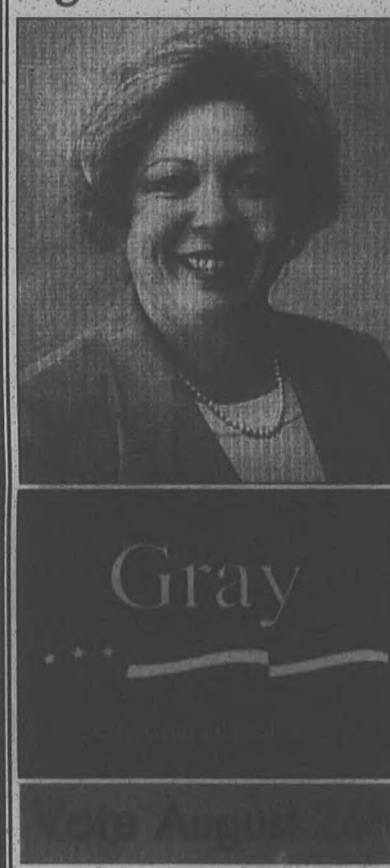
Career Goals: Special Needs Teacher
College Choices: Auburn University
Activities/Honors: Encores Show Choir • Varsity Soccer • Hillcrest Baptist Church Praise Band and Choir • SGA 2008-09 President • Anchor Club Project Manager/President • Coffee County Youth Leadership Program Chair per • Jr. Sesame Girl's Club-Historian • Drama Club • Dauphin Rep-9th grade/Wildcat Rep @ EHS • WFTN News Anchor



Cassandra Ray Wilcox
Enterprise High School

Career Goals: I would like to be a sports journalist.
College Choices: University of Alabama at Sanford University
Activities/Honors: College Avenue Church of Christ Youth Group • 9th Grade, Junior Varsity and Varsity volleyball • 9th Grade, Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball • Junior Varsity and Varsity soccer • Junior Sesame Girls' Club • Paw Prints Newspaper • Wildcat Representatives • Anchor Club • Dream Organization • Big Brother and Big Sisters program

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"Healthcare News Monitor" A Cold or Seasonal Allergies?

The leaves are gold, red and orange, the weather has turned cooler - and, as if on cue, your nose starts to run, your eyes are puffy and watery and you suddenly sneeze several times a day. Is it a cold or do you have a fall (or seasonal) allergy?

Check Your Symptoms
Symptoms of allergies and colds can be similar, but here's how to tell the difference:

	Colds	Allergies
Occurrence of symptoms:	Symptoms often appear one at a time: first sneezing, then a runny nose, then congestion	Symptoms occur all at once.
Duration of symptoms:	Generally last from seven to 10 days.	Continue as long as a person is exposed to the allergy-causing agent (allergen).
Mucus:	Often a yellowish nasal discharge, due to an infection.	Generally a clear, thin, watery discharge.
Sneezing:	Less common than with allergies.	More common than with colds, especially when sneezing occurs two or three times in a row.
Time of year:	More common during winter.	More common in spring through fall, when plants are pollinating.
Fever:	May be accompanied by a fever.	Not usually associated with a fever.

Questions to Ask Your Doctor

- Can a test tell me which plant (or mold) is causing my allergy?
- Can my allergy be cured?
- Are there medications I can take?
- Are there lifestyle changes I can make to relieve my symptoms?

Did You Know?

- Hay fever is another name for fall allergies.
- Molds can also cause allergy symptoms when they release tiny reproductive cells, called spores.
- Tree pollen allergies strike in late winter to early spring, grass allergies can strike from spring through summer, and ragweed (which causes "hay fever") typically strikes in the fall.
- An antihistamine is a medication that prevents congestion, sneezing and itchy, runny nose by blocking histamine in a substance released in your body's immune system after being exposed to an allergen.
- A decongestant is a medication that shrinks swollen nasal tissues to relieve symptoms of nasal swelling, congestion and mucus secretion.

Tip of the Week

Young kids get about eight colds a year, even in summer.
Keep germs! Scrub hands for 20 seconds with warm, soapy water.



Chelsea Amber Smith
New Brockton High School

Career Goals: Jr High Math Teacher and Coach Girls Sports
College Choices: University of Montevallo
Activities/Honors: Bethany Baptist Church Youth Group • Coffee County Youth Leadership Program • Ambassador Representative • Scholar Bowl • Sr. Beta Club Secretary • Varsity Softball • Varsity Cheerleader • Varsity Volleyball • Yearbook Staff • Crushers Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament Team



Brigitte Marie Meyers
Enterprise High School

Career Goals: Psychiatrist, Cardiologist, Sing in an Opera House
College Choices: University of Alabama or University of Virginia
Activities/Honors: Encores Show Choir • EHS Danceline • Lead Role of Juliet in School Play • Government Club • Parliamentarian for Chautauqua Girl's Club • Drama Club • Leo Club • Cheerleader • FFA • Track & Field



Vanessa Leigh Stuckey
New Brockton High School

Career Goals: Graduating Med School, Becoming a Dermatologist
College Choices: Troy University
Activities/Honors: Playing Piano at Church • AIM Mentoring Matters • Varsity Softball • Coffee County Youth Leadership Program • Varsity Volleyball • Varsity Cheerleading • NBHS Ambassadors • Scholars Bowl • FBLA • Historian 10th grade • FCCLA



Emmaline Kathleen Russell
Enterprise High School

Career Goals: Musical Theatre, Music Education
Activities/Honors: Show Choir Soloist ENCORES 10-12/ Expressions 9 • Big Blue Band Dance Line 10-12/ Captain 12 • Government Club 10-12/Gov's Legal Adv. Ala YMCA • Enterprise School of Dance Staff 9-12 • First United Methodist Church Member/Youth, S.S. • Junior Sesame Girls Club 10-12/V.P. 11, Pres. 12 • B.S.D.D.S.D Performance Team 9 • Anchor Club 10-12/ Outstanding Sophomore • Indoor Percussion-featured dancer/singer 10 • Drama Club 10-12/ Soloist Fall Revue 10/ Play 11



Cortina Megan Lee
Elba High School

College Choices: University of Alabama
Activities/Honors: Basin Baptist Church Youth Group • Basin Baptist Church Drama Team • Elba High School Ambassador • Girl Scout Troop #300 • Student Government Association • Key Club • Beta Club • Future Business Leaders of America • Dual Enrollment Participant 10-11 • Varsity Cheerleader 10-11 • Talent Dance/Twirl Selections "You Can't Stop the Beat" - Broadway's Hairpray



Anna Elizabeth Sawyer
New Brockton High School

Career Goals: Major in Political Science and attend law school
College Choices: College of Charleston
Activities/Honors: FCCLA State President 2008-2009 • NBHS Varsity Cheerleader Captain 2008-2009 • Coffee County Youth Leadership Vice-Chairperson • NBHS Alabama Youth Leadership Program Delegate '07 • NBHS Scholars Bowl Team • NBHS Varsity Cheerleader Co-Captain 2007-2008 • NBHS JV / Varsity Volleyball 2006-2008 • NBHS Media Club Political Reporter • NBHS Ambassador Treasurer • National Beta Club member

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Mr. Jones pictured at Wall of Honor

R.S. Jones inducted into the Alabama Wall of Honor

Mr. R.S. Jones, retired vocational agriculture teacher/FFA advisor of 33 years (31 years at Elba High School) has been inducted into the Alabama FFA Wall of Honor. This award honors those who have dedicated their lives to serving agriculture students and FFA members in Alabama. Mr. Jones received his award at the Alabama State FFA convention in June at Auburn University.

Since Mr. Jones retirement in 1979, he and his wife Lucille have remained active in the Elba community and at home on North Smith Avenue in their garden and with their grandchildren.

Ladies Power Lunch to be held August 26 at First Baptist Church in Enterprise

The monthly Ladies Power Lunch is scheduled in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Enterprise at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. Don't Save The Good China is the theme for the luncheon this month.

Mary Rollins, former Hillcrest teacher and Enterprise Public Library story teller is the speaker. The story she will share is her true experience of the tragic illness of her husband, Jim, their faith journey through the survival of his three month coma and the blessings they enjoy today. All ladies in the area are encouraged to attend.

There is a charge for the meal. Meal and child care reservations are required by Friday, August 22 by calling Kathi at the church office at 334-393-5683.

Troy University named Best in the Southeast

Troy University has been named among the best in the southeastern United States by The Princeton Review. The designation marks the fourth year in a row TROY has been named to the list that includes only 630 colleges and universities nationwide. "This distinction underscores our philosophy at TROY that the most important thing we do is serve our students," said Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., the University's chancellor.

The inclusion is the result of a survey that asks students to rate their schools on several topics and report on their experiences. Topics include: academics/administration, life at the school, their fellow students, and themselves. Surveys are conducted on campuses and via the Princeton Review website at which students have the option of completing a secure survey online.

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Second annual Bailey Thomson awards luncheon celebrates progress toward new Alabama constitution

Today, the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform (ACCR) Foundation announces the award recipients for its Second Annual Bailey Thomson Awards Luncheon. This year's celebration will take place on Thursday, August 28, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the Honorable Jack Edwards, who served Alabama in Congress for two decades, will be the keynote speaker. The purpose of the event is to honor individuals and organizations for distinguished contributions to the ongoing effort of reforming Alabama's Constitution.

With more than 400 people from across Alabama attending the inaugural awards luncheon in 2007, this year's event has a special twist: it will take place in two locations. The festivities from the Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center in Mobile also will be seen by telecast at the Harbert Center in downtown Birmingham, with former

Alabama Governor Albert Brewer serving as master of ceremonies.

This year's luncheon will highlight the accomplishments of four honorees. The 2008 Bailey Thomson Award will go to Wayne Flynt, a founding member of the ACCR Foundation. Dr. Flynt is Professor Emeritus at Auburn University and a leading authority on Alabama history whose books exploring poverty and cultural issues in Alabama have won numerous regional and national awards.

This year's Educator of the Year is Leanne Dubose, director of Bay Area Women Education. Director for the ACCR Foundation, "Insightful, clever—the next generation of Alabamians brings great energy and creativity to this discussion."

Berte noted the work of Lewis Lebe who, as a student, created the documentary *It's a Thick Book*. The ACCR Foundation is providing high school and college teachers complimentary copies of this innovative film which gives an excellent overview of the history and present effects of Alabama's (sixth and current) 1901 constitution. The video can be viewed for free at the ACCR Foundation's web site: www.constitutionalreform.org

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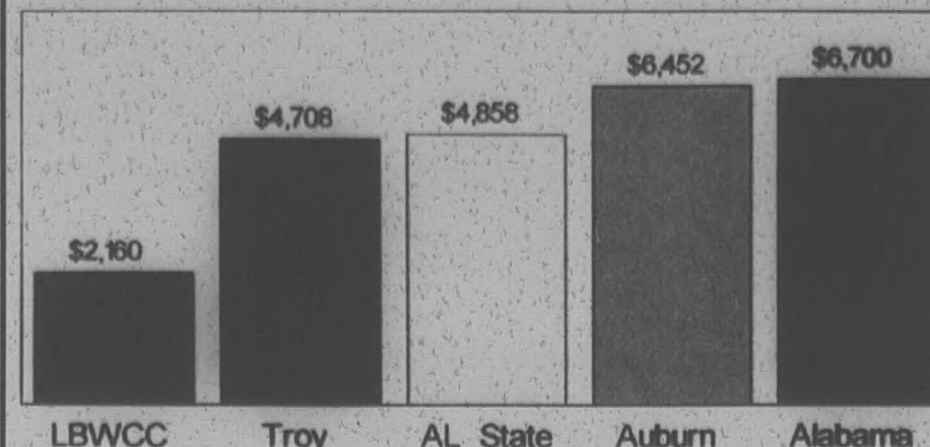
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VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN COFFEE COUNTY received grant checks Monday evening, Aug. 4, from the state's forestry commission. The checks were presented by Representative Terry Spicer (also representing Senator Jimmy Holley) and were in the amount of \$1,922.69 for each of the nine certified volunteer fire departments in Coffee County. Prior to presenting the checks, Rep. Spicer thanked the men and women of the departments for volunteering their time to help others. The nine certified volunteer fire departments in the county include: Battsens VFD, Elba VFD, Five Star VFD, Goodman VFD, Ino VFD, Kinston VFD, New Brockton VFD, Tri-Community VFD and Zion Chapel VFD. The grant check presentation was made at the Coffee County Forestry Commission office in New Brockton. Those in attendance included: (seated, left to right) Jeffrey Wood, Battsens Volunteer Fire Department; Tim Driscoll, Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department; Danny Jordan, Elba Volunteer Fire Department; and Kenny Carmichael, Ino Volunteer Fire Department; (standing, left to right) Nick Grainger, Coffee County Forestry Commission; Stephen McCollough, Five Star Volunteer Fire Department; Tim DeLoach, Goodman Volunteer Fire Department; Glen Gatin, Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department; Tad Adams, New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department; and Representative Terry Spicer.

Jerry Lewis ready to star in 43rd Labor Day telethon for MDA

Legendary entertainer Jerry Lewis will continue his battle against muscular dystrophy this upcoming Labor Day weekend on his 43rd Labor Day Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Originating from the South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa in Las Vegas, the live show will air for 21½ hours, beginning at 9 p.m. EDT Sunday, Aug. 31, and will be shown on some 180 "Love Network" stations nationwide.

Check www.mda.org for local stations and start times.

The broadcast raises funds for MDA's programs of research, services and education for children and adults affected by any of more than 40 diseases in MDA's program. It's expected to attract some 40 million viewers nationwide and many more worldwide on the Internet via RealNetworks at www.mda.org.

"Each year, we see more

progress toward my dream of a healthy future for all 'my kids,'" said Lewis, MDA's national chairman. "The Telethon fuels that progress by showing all Americans what's at stake and appealing to their generosity for help to save and improve precious lives."

Lewis will share the stage with a variety of celebrity co-hosts, including Emmy-nominated Tom Bergeron of "America's Funniest Home Videos" and "Dancing with the Stars," Jann Carl of "Entertainment Tonight" and Alison Sweeney of the daytime TV drama "Days of Our Lives" and host of the reality TV show "The Biggest Loser."

A new addition as co-host is Nancy O'Dell of "Access Hollywood," who has joined MDA's efforts to combat ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease), which claimed the life of her mother in early June (O'Dell, Carl, Bergeron and Sweeney

are MDA national vice presidents.)

Between messages about MDA's programs and family profiles, the Telethon presents great entertainment.

Each hour, MDA "Love Network" stations will cut away from the national broadcast to present information about local families served by MDA.

Pledges and donations to the 2007 MDA Telethon brought in a record \$63.8 million. A new feature of this year's broadcast is the Jerry Lewis Telethon Online Auction at www.mda.org/auctions. Starting Aug. 21, it features items donated by celebrities, MDA sponsors and other friends of the Association. Hundreds of items are up for bid in such categories as travel, unique experiences, electronics, golf, excursions, sports memorabilia and more. One section carries items from Harley-Davidson's 105th anniversary celebration. The auction ends Sept. 4.

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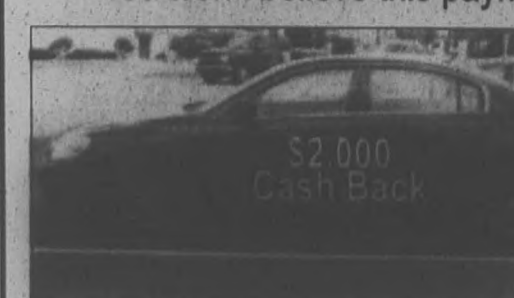
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With economic downturn in mind

Elba City Council keeps close watch on financial statements

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council continues to closely watch the monthly financial statements during the ongoing economic downturn, and Monday evening of this week was no different.

Revenue for the first nine months of the fiscal year is up some \$191,000. However \$80,000 of that is from state and federal grants.

Police fines are up slightly and "other police revenue" is up \$50,000. Sales tax is down by \$25,000, but Mayor James Grimes noted the last check received (July) was the largest of the year.

Gasoline tax is up some and property tax is up. However, the total annual property tax may already be received and could level out or even drop by year-end. Garbage fees are up slightly, recreation income is above budget, Gas District checks are \$12,000 over estimates for the whole year, and the TVA check is up, as is the cable TV franchise fee.

The huge increase in income was in the category titled "Miscellaneous" which is already \$75,000 over the \$30,000 total expected for the year.

On the expense side of the ledger, expenses are up overall by some \$200,000. That number is somewhat misleading budget wise. \$43,000 of the Capital expenditures was in last year's budget but the checks were written in the current fiscal year.

Administrative expenses are \$5,000 over budget. While insurance, legal fees and election expenses are down, office supplies and telephone charges are up. Interest expense shows a large overage, but that is mostly explained by "one time payments" which will even out by year-end.

The fire department expense is down for the year, as are appropriations. The recreation department is in the middle of summer recreation and grass cutting, which are the most expensive time of the year. The sanitation department (garbage trucks) is \$20,000 over budget, with salaries, gas & oil and landfill fees all up.

The same is true for the street department, with all categories facing rising costs. Mayor Grimes explained that part of the street department increase is

due to moving bookkeeping for the sewer system back in the street department. It had been under the Water and Electric Department but was moved at the recommendation of the auditors.

Monthly bills totaling \$143,426.34 were approved for payment. \$29,550.61 of that total was for gas and oil.

The council also approved a bank loan for \$200,000. Grimes explained this was to pay vendors on the sidewalk project without waiting for the grant funds to be approved at the completion of the project.

The council members read a family member request to name a city street for the late Virgil

Coleman. Grimes appointed council members Ronnie Hammond and Harold Spicer to survey the community and recommend a street to the council.

Jackie Windham was named to another term on the Airport Authority. Junior Culver and Scott Kelley were named to additional terms on the Board of Zoning Adjustments.

Grimes asked council members to be considering an ordinance restricting 18-wheelers from certain residential areas. He noted receiving several complaints in recent months of these trucks obstructing narrow streets. No discussion was held on the issue at this meeting.



ACCIDENT SENDS THREE TO THE HOSPITAL... Local emergency personnel responded Sunday afternoon, Aug. 10, shortly after 4 p.m. to the scene of an accident occurring on Coffee County Road 354 just off Highway 189 north of Elba. Upon arriving on scene, officials found that a Ford Ranger truck had collided with the road's embankment. Officials said it appeared the driver of the vehicle lost control on the gravel (dirt) road in a curve that led to the collision. A total of three occupants were taken by Coffee County EMS to Elba General Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The Alabama State Troopers office investigated the accident. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Fire Department and Elba Police Department.

Coffee County officials arrest several suspects in connection to burglaries

A recent rash of burglaries in Coffee County have led to the arrest of several suspects, according to officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

The arrests were made last week, and according to officials, 11 burglaries have been solved with approximately \$3,000 in merchandise recovered. Some of the thefts occurred in 2007.

Joshua Senn of New Brockton was reportedly arrested Monday, Aug. 4, along with

one juvenile, Jeffery Scott Maddox, also of New Brockton, was arrested on three counts of receiving stolen property. He reportedly has been in jail since April facing other charges.

Marlon Pendarvis was arrested on six counts of burglary. He has been in the Coffee County Jail since 2007 for other charges associated with thefts.

Joseph Scott of New Brockton was arrested on three counts of theft of property. Derriek Stokes was arrested on one charge of theft of property.

According to officials, warrants also have been signed on

two other suspects in connection with one other burglary. They encourage any citizen noticing suspicious activity to notify law enforcement officials as soon as possible.

Tom Hooks seeks reelection to Elba City Council

overwhelming majority of the vote in 2004 and has not missed a beat since his election. As the District 1 representative he has continued to support youth recreation programs, he worked to seek funding for road construction in District 1, improve-

ment in the sewer system and has worked with the community to maintain a clean and safe Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Hooks said that while the lessons of his first term include engineering projects in District 1, other lessons include understanding how the city works as well.

In the last four years the Elba City Council had to take important votes on the reopening of Dorsey Trailers, the expansion of the municipal airport, downtown revitalization and also worked to get more funding for Elba General Hospital.

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